GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1634
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POPULARISING POST OFFICE SAVING BANK ACCOUNTS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number of Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) Accounts in operation in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether the Government is aware that more than 60 per cent of the POSB customers are concentrated in only six States;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to take steps for popularising/creating awareness about POSB scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) There were 1,55,669 Post Offices in the country as on 31- 03-2004. Circle-wise details of Post Offices are given in Annexure-I.

(b) There are 14,42,10,145 Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) accounts in operation in the country. Circle-wise details are given in Annexure-II.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The steps being taken for popularizing / creating awareness about POSB scheme are given below:

(i) Specific targets are being allotted to field units to mobilize deposits, which are being monitored.

(ii) Widespread publicity is being given to POSB schemes through small saving drives in Urban/ Rural areas/ Media Post/ Local Dailies/ Radio/ TV/ Pamphlets/ Brochures/ Local Dak Mela/ Puppet Shows/ `Bal Bachat Yojana` for school children/ small savings agents etc.

(iii) Motivational Saving Bank Training is being imparted to postal staff, Branch Postmasters, Gramin Dak Sevaks to educate the POSB customers about the different small savings schemes available in the Post Office and guiding them on investment.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

Annexure-I

Circle-wise Post Offices in the country as on 31-03-2004

Sl No.	Name of Circle	Total no. of Post Offices	No. of Accounts

Annexure-II

No. of Post Office Savings Bank Accounts (Postal Circle-wise) - 2003-04

Sl No.	Postal Circles	Total No. of

1. Andhra Pradesh	16197	1. Andhra Pradesh	88,04,690
2. Assam	4008	2. Assam	17,52,005
3. Bihar Jharkhand)	9055	3. Bihar(including	73,35,006
4. Chhattisgarh	5830	4. Chhattisgarh	4,48,595
5. Delhi	580	5. Delhi	23,98,882
6. Gujarat	9024	6. Gujarat	94,26,629
7 Haryana	2649	7. Haryana	1,39,83,206
8. Himachal Pradesh	2780	8. Himachal Pradesh	19,48,165
9. Jammu & Kashmir	1687	9. Jammu & Kashmir	20,03,588
10 Jharkhand	3049	10 Karnataka	59,50,739
11 Karnataka	9909	11 Kerala	65,28,962
12 Kerala	5079	12 Madhya Pradesh	33,18,232
13 Madhya Pradesh	5665	13 Maharashtra	1,37,55,744
14 Maharashtra	12980	14 North East	6,37,549
15 North East	2945	15 Orissa	42,23,063
16 Orissa	8175	16 Punjab	37,33,062
17 Punjab	3957	17 Rajasthan	66,40,133
18 Rajasthan	10453	18 Tamil Nadu	1,23,13,479
19 Tamil Nadu	12196	19 Uttar Pradesh	1,82,41,544
20 Uttar Pradesh	17666	20 Uttaranchal	17,18,096
21 Uttaranchal	2722	21 West Bengal	1,95,26,582
22 West Bengal	9063	22 Base P.O.	4,19,384
Total:	155669	Total:	14,42,10,145